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C O N F I D E N T I A L LIBREVILLE 0319

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, GB, KS

SUBJ: GABON REQUESTS SOUTH KOREAN RESIDENT AMBASSADOR

REF: LIBREVILLE 271

1. FRENCH ADVISOR AT PRESIDENCY 18 APRIL GAVE EMBOFF COPY OF ADVISOR'S INSTRUCTIONS FROM PRESIDENT BONGO. IN PRESIDENT'S HANDWRITING ON SIDE OF GOG INTELLIGENCE REPORT (REPORT ITSELF BLACKED OUT) WAS NOTE IN FRENCH READING, "WHAT DO THEY DO FOR US? GO SEE THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR AND GET HIM TO INTERVENE WITH SOUTH KOREA TO ESTABLISH AN EMBASSY IN LIBREVILLE WITH A RESIDENT AMBASSADOR. IF THEY DON'T DO IT, THE NORTH WILL."

2. ON BASIS INFORMATION PARA 3 REFTEL, EMBOFF RESPONDED THAT WHILE HE COULDN'T SPEAK FOR ROK, HE KNEW SOUTH KOREANS ENVISAGED SETTING UP EMBASSY IN LIBREVILLE IN NEAR FUTURE. ADVISOR RESPONDED THAT WHILE BONGO DID NOT WANT NORTH KOREANS HERE, ROK "SHOULD MOVE QUICKLY. THE PRESIDENT IS IN A HURRY." HE SAID HE DID NOT KNOW REASONS BEHIND URGENCY.

3. EMBASSY COMMENT: IF ROK WISHES TO RETAIN GOG  
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SUPPORT, IT SHOULD MOVE QUICKLY TO IMPLEMENT PLANS REPORTED REFTTEL AND SO EXPLICITLY INFORM GOG, PUBLICLY IF POSSIBLE. AS INDICATED BY PRESENCE NORTH KOREAN DELEGATION HERE EARLIER THIS MONTH, BONGO CAPABLE OF ACCEPTING NORTH SHOULD IT OFFER RESIDENT AMBASSADOR AND SOUTH MOVES SLOWLY.

4. EMBASSY PREPARED TO BE CHANNEL FOR ROK RESPONSE. IF ROK PURSUES OWN CHANNELS, WHICH PROBABLY PREFERABLE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING KEPT INFORMED OF MOVES IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO RESPOND IF GOG RAISES QUESTION WITH US AGAIN.  
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